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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer, . .	$852 00	
County Treasurer, . .	941 11	
		$1,793 11

SCHOOL MONEY, LITERARY FUND AND DOG TAX.

Paid Dist. No. 1, to Charles Chase,	65 00	
2, to C. P. Emery,	81 38	
3, to H. Preston,	200 89	
4, to F. P. Clark,	99 14	
5, to E. Plummer,	96 05	
6, to A. S. Martin,	91 70	
7, to D. H. Webster,	133 28	
8, to D. C. Abbott,	112 66	
3 in Candia, .	1 23	
		$881 33

PRINTING, STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS.

Paid Campbell & Hanscom, printing reports for 1874, ...		$37 00
A. D. Emery, procuring the printing of and distributing town rep'ts,		5 50
Andrew F. Fox, for sundry articles of stationery purchased during the year for the town, . .	$1 62	
Postage stamps, ...	47	
Invoice books, ...	90	
Blanks, ...	65	
1 doz. surveyor's books, . . .	1 00	
Collector's book, ...	1 00	
		5 64
		$48 14

COLLECTOR, SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

Paid Henry Dockham, in part, 1870 .	20 77	
Alfred T. Wood, in part, 1874 .	75 00	
Charles W. Calef for services as Sup. School Committee, .	39 00	
Procuring registers . . .	1 00	
Simon G. Prescott, Town Clerk	21 39	
		$157 16

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Mary A. Ives for board of Lizzie Rand	$27 34	
Mary Ford for board of Lizzie Rand	16 20	
Henry Dockham for supplies furnished E. S. Emery to Feb. 10, 1875 . . .	153 00	
County of Rockingham for b'd of Ellen Kimball 16 weeks to March 2, 1875 . .	48 00	
Robert Patten, wood furnished the Dunavan girls, . .	45 00	
C. Goodwin for board of Ellen Kimball, 2.00; for keeping transients to May 15, 4.75,	6 75	
		$296 29

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Stephen Kimball	$1 65
W. I. Gilbert	33 15
Wm. M. Neal	14 85
Arthur Dinsmore	20 10
John C. Morrill	1 50
F. C. Patten	15 40
T. J. Crombie, ...	2 30
John Davis, 2d, ...	4 40

Paid Enoch Watson, ...	8 75	
G. W. Chase	2 25	
Chas. W. Calef	4 00	
Albert Pratt	6 30	
Samuel Neal	3 68	
Wells C. Underhill	8 09	
Henry Dockham	1 00	
Robert Patten	1 80	
True Reed	10 50	
Marvin R. Proctor	4 10	
Prescott & Clark	87	
E. M. Leavitt	5 00	
Andrew F. Fox	6 60	
John Ray	2 25	
George G. Griffin, ...	17 21	
George P. Clarke, plank . .	24 03	
George P. Clarke, timber .	11 52	
George P. Clarke, Oswego Bridge, ...	9 00	
George P. Clarke, in No. 9 .	16 00	
Spikes	50	
Otter bridge, &c., ...	4 60	
		$241 40

BREAKING OUT HIGHWAYS.

Paid John Ray for 1873	$4 50
George W. Reed, 1873, . . .	11 51
Stephen Kimball	6 90
Robert Patten	80
Benjmin Chase	4 05
John Davis, 2d, ...	3 21
Charles F. Whittemore . .	75
Wm. M. Neal, 1873, ...	1 50
Henry Dockham	6 22
Wm. M. Neal	2 25
Geo. W. Pingree	12 50
John Murry	10 80
George P. Clarke	9 66
Amherst Emery	1 20

Paid E. M. Leavitt	7 75	
Enoch Watson	1 80	
J. C. Morrill	1 95	
		$87 35

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED OUT.

Paid W. I. Gilbert, No. 7, . .	2 95	
Charles F. Whittemore, No. 9,	19 78	
Charles W. Calef, No. 1, . .	5 62	
Albert Pratt, No. 2. . . .	4 20	
Wells C. Underhill, No. 11, .	3 76	
Wm. M. Neal, No. 9, for 1873	9 84	
George W. Pingree, No. 4 .	25 95	
Henry C. Sanborn, No. 12 .	9 99	
George P. Clarke, No. 8 . .	5 75	
John Ray, No. 2 . . .	1 86	
Patrick Bannan, No. 3 . .	33 55	
Hazen Sanborn, No. 5 . .	5 87	
A. T. Wood, certificates . .	25 51	
		$154 63

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid on Alfred T. Wood's list for 1873 :		
Joseph L. Storer gone from town	$2 50	
Nathaniel Brown, on cow, .	65	
Henry H. Osgood, deceased, .	2 50	
William T. Pennock, over-taxed	2 50	
Eri P. Twitchell, gone from town	2 50	
Clara Pennock, over-taxed .	1 00	
		$11 65

Paid on Alfred T. Wood's list for 1874 :		
Samuel Clark gone from town .	2 52	
Edward P. Johnson, gone from town	2 52	
Julia A. Henderson . . .	1 00	

Paid Leonard Clark, over-taxed .	2 09	
Sundry persons on account of money loaned the town .	206 12	
		$214 25
		$225 90

DEBTS PAID.

1874.		
May 8, T. & F. T. Hills . . .	$40 00	
June 5, T. & F. T. Hills . . .	25 00	
July 15, T. & F. T. Hills . . .	50 00	
Oct. 6, Charles Spofford . . .	315 00	
8, T. & F. T. Hills . . .	30 00	
Nov. 20, Moses Webster . . .	168 00	
Dec. 5, Hannah S. Chase . . .	145 28	
5, William M. Neal . .	130 00	
5, Harrison Burnham . .	30 00	
10, Frank A. Fox . . .	58 03	
17, Samuel Anderson, 2 notes,	407 29	
17, Mrs. Chas. W. Calef . .	1,162 36	
17, Hidden Brown, 2 notes, .	1,231 66	
17, Frank D. Emery . .	994 55	
17, Susan Smith, 2 notes . .	198 76	
17, A. F. Fox, guardian of M. J. Dearborn, 4 notes, . .	1,466 09	
17, Mrs. A. F. Fox . .	454 38	
19, T. & F. T. Hills . .	341 29	
19, Thomas Hills . . .	543 34	
19, David B. Dickey . .	461 05	
26, Harrison Burnham . .	621 64	
1875.		
Jan. 1, William M. Neal . .	401 60	
9, Annie S. Webster . .	110 89	
11, William P. Underhill . .	400 00	
20, John Ordway . . .	120 00	
Feb. 19, Robert Heath . . .	375 00	
		$10,281.21

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid School Dist. No. 7, school-house taxes, ...	$480 00	
School Dist. No. 1, do. . .	35 00	
School Dist. No. 2, do. . .	25 00	
Horatio G. Smith, services in pauper case, Feb. 20–24, '74	5 10	
Amos Hamblett, sheep killed by dogs	7 00	
John C. Morrill, do. . .	15 00	
Andrew F. Fox, do. . .	4 00	
George G. Griffin, do. . .	6 00	
— — Allen, survey of road and plan	50 00	
J. B. Varick & Co., tools for burying ground . . .	3 77	
Mr. Fitts, running town line	1 50	
Edward Ray, damage to wagon	10 00	
Marvin R. Proctor, care of burying ground	4 00	
M. R. Proctor, labor and material for village burying ground	14 37	
T. S. Colby, services as police	7 50	
Wm. M. Neal, do. . . .	16 50	
Dennis Dunavan, do. . .	15 00	
Amherst Emery, do. . .	1 50	
George P. Clarke, use of hall .	15 00	
G. Wyman, record of births .	2 00	
A. B. Smith, cost on laying out highway	38 55	
S. S. Griffin, expense at selectmen's meetings . . .	3 84	
S. S. Griffin, watering trough,	3 00	
		$763 63

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

JOHN C. MORRILL'S BILL.

1874		
Apr. 4–6, To cash paid while taking invoice	$2 00	
Oct. 22, Expense to Portsmouth .	2 50	
Nov. 2, To carrying Ellen Kimball to county farm	4 00	
Sixteen meals and horse baiting for selectmen	5 28	
Use of horse and wagon and sleigh twenty-nine times . . .	21 00	
		$34 78

ANDREW F. FOX'S BILL.

1874.		
To cash paid while taking invoice .	$3 00	
To twelve meals and horse baitings for selectmen	3 98	
Nov. 20, paid expenses on Chester line	75	
Dec. 11, Car fare and expense to Concord, ...	1 50	
Dec. 15, Express on bonds . .	2 80	
Use of horse and wagon and sleigh eleven times	9 17	
		$21 20

CHARLES GOODWIN'S BILL.

1874.		
Use of horse and wagon and sleigh seventeen times . . .		$15 50
		$71 48

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

JOHN C. MORRILL'S BILL.

1874.	
March 14, ½ day on town business .	$0 75
18, ½ day on pauper business	75
26, ½ day on town business .	75

Apr. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5 days taking inv.	7 50	
8, attending juror meeting .	50	
8, 16, 25, & May 5, 4 days making taxes	6 00	
30, ½ day on school-house tax in No. 1	75	
May 11, ½ day delivering surveyor's books	75	
16, ½ day on town business .	75	
July 7, 11, 1 day on pauper business	1 50	
Aug. 13, ½ day on town business .	75	
15, ½ day to County Commis'rs	75	
Sep. 9, ½ day on town business .	75	
21, 1 day running Candia line .	1 50	
30, attending juror meeting .	50	
Oct. 17, 19, 1 day on town business	1 50	
22, 1 day to Portsmouth . .	1 50	
31, 1 day on pauper business .	1 50	
Nov. 20, 1 day on Chester line .	1 50	
Dec. 1, ½ day on pauper business .	75	
5, Jan. 9, Feb. 15, 3 days settling accounts . . .	4 50	
20, revising juror box . .	50	
1875.		
Jan. 7, attending juror meeting .	50	
13, ½ day to Chester on pauper business	75	
23, ½ day to Derry on do. . .	75	
Feb. 17, 1 day to Brentwood . .	1 50	
19, 1 day making check lists and warrants . . .	1 50	
20, 1 day with auditors . .	1 50	
		$42 50

ANDREW F. FOX'S BILL.

1874.		
March 14, ½ day on town business .	$0 75	
Apr. 1, 2, 6, 3 days taking invoice .	4 50	
8, 16, 20, 25, 4 days copying inventory and making taxes .	6 00	
27, 28, 2 days making taxes and surveyors' books . . .	3 00	

May 2, ½ day on school-house tax in No. 1	75	
6, 1 day on taxes . . .	1 50	
8, 15, 1 day making coll'rs book	1 50	
16, ½ day on town business .	75	
Aug. ½ day examining highway .	75	
17, ½ day on town business .	75	
Nov. 20, 1 day on Chester line .	1 50	
Dec. 5, 1 day settling accounts .	1 50	
11, 1 day to Concord to pay State tax	1 50	
17, 19, 1½ days settling notes .	2 25	
1875.		
Jan. 9, 1 day settling accounts .	1 50	
11, ½ day on town business .	75	
15, 1 day settling accounts .	1 50	
2 days preparing treasurer's accounts, and accounts for press	3 00	
19, 1 day making check lists and warrants, ...	1 50	
20, 1 day with auditors . .	1 50	
		$36 75

CHARLES GOODWIN'S BILL.

1875.		
March 14, ½ day on town business .	$0 75	
23, examining road . .	50	
Apr. 3, 4, 2 days taking invoice .	3 00	
8, attending juror meeting .	50	
25, and May 6, 2 days making taxes	3 00	
May 5, copying surveyor's books .	1 50	
distributing surveyor's books	1 00	
12, ½ day on town business .	75	
Aug. 8, examining road . . .	80	
11, 22, 1½ days on town business	2 25	
Sept. 9, ⅓ day on town business .	50	
15, ½ day on town business .	75	
21, 1 day on Candia line . .	1 50	
Oct. 17, ½ day on town business .	75	
19, 26, ⅔ day on town business	1 00	

Oct. 30, ½ day on pauper business .	75	
Nov. 30, ½ day on town business .	75	
Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 15, 3 days settling accounts . . .	4 50	
Dec. 19, ½ day revising juror list .	75	
1875.		
Jan. 7, ½ day on town business .	75	
Feb. 16, ½ day on town business .	75	
19, 1 day on check lists and warrants	1 50	
20, 1 day with auditors . .	1 50	
		$29 80
		$109 05

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Town of Auburn in account with A. F. Fox, *Dr.*

Paid State and County taxes	$1,793 11	
School money, literary fund and dog tax . . .	881 33	
Printing, stationery and blank books . . .	48 14	
Collector, Sup. School Committee and Town Clerk, .	157 16	
Support of paupers . .	296 29	
Improvements on highways	241 40	
Breaking out highways .	87 35	
Non-resident highway taxes worked out . . .	154 63	
Abatement of taxes . .	225 90	
Debts paid . . .	10,281 21	
Miscellaneous bills . .	763 63	
Selectmen's expenses . .	71 48	
Selectmen's services . .	109 05	
Service and expense of auditors and exp. of selectmen	7 50	
Balance in treasury . .	1 77	
		$15,119 95

Town of Auburn in account with A. F. Fox, *Cr.*

Balance in treasury Mar. 1, 1874	158 20	
Rec'd on Henry Dockham's list for 1870 . . .	77 13	
T. J. Crombie's list for 1871	91 51	
A. T. Wood's list, 1872	100 00	
A. T. Wood's list, 1873	1,660 82	
A. T. Wood's list, 1874	3,690 51	
Rec'd of County of Rockingham	43 00	
State treas. railroad tax	50 39	
State treas. literary fund	60 68	
State treas. sav'gs bank tax	558 71	
State treas. U.S. bounty	64 00	
Rec'd interest on State bonds .	372 00	
for State bonds . .	6,200 00	
Borrowed of George E. Heath .	200 00	
Samuel F. Heath .	75 00	
Carrie A. Copp .	100 00	
Moses Webster .	168 00	
Robert Heath .	1,000 00	
James Benson, jr. .	450 00	
		$15,119 95

Auburn, Feb. 21, 1875.

I hereby certify that the above account is correct.

ANDREW F. FOX, Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that the above account is correct.

JOHN C. MORRILL, ANDREW F. FOX, CHARLES GOODWIN, } *Selectmen of Auburn.*

STATEMENT.

The town of Auburn owes the following notes, including interest to March 1, 1875:

William Hoyt	$1,327 36
Mary Patten	1,104 11
Melinda E. Severance . .	553 53

John Ordway	2,013 33	
Carrie A. Copp	343 51	
William P. Underhill . .	779 12	
Samuel F. Heath . . .	343 20	
George E. Heath . . .	210 00	
Moses Webster . . .	170 80	
Robert Heath	637 00	
James Benson, jr.	455 40	
		$7,937 36
Due from Henry Dockham, collector for 1870 . . .	$200 00	
Due from T. J. Crombie, collector for 1871 . . .	380 93	
Due from A. T. Wood, collector for 1872	32 00	
Due from A. T. Wood, collector for 1873	200 00	
Due from A. T. Wood, collector for 1874	2,223 62	
Balance in the treasury . .	1 77	
		$3,038 32
Balance against the town . . .		$4,899 04

JOHN C. MORRILL,
ANDREW F. FOX,
CHARLES GOODWIN, } *Selectmen of Auburn.*

Auburn, Feb. 20, 1875.

This certifies that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges, and we recommend that the town allow the same.

GEORGE L. COLBY,
HARRISON BURNHAM,
WILLIAM EMERY, } *Auditors.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the legal voters of AUBURN the following Report is respectfully submitted :

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Arabella L. Johnson, of Derry. This school began under very favorable auspices, and with the older scholars was carried in like manner to the close. The discipline did not fully meet our expectations.

The winter term of this school was under the instruction of Mr. David A. Watson. A fair progress was made in most of the studies. Some remarkable specimens of penmanship and book-keeping were exhibited at the closing examination.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mary C. Chase of Auburn, whose character as a teacher is too well known for comment. Good order, earnest attention, and a determination to excel on the part of the pupils, have given this school a rank not easily attainable.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Elwin H. White of Auburn. Although an inexperienced teacher, he

has maintained the usual good standard of the school. Some very good specimens of penmanship were noticeable.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Clara M. Fellows of Hopkinton. She has had considerable experience in teaching, and her ample qualifications, and refinement of manner, have enabled her to maintain through both terms a progressive and praiseworthy condition of the school. She labored with diligence and earnestness, but a combination of circumstances and adverse causes detracted in a measure from the *complete* success of the school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The summer and winter schools of this district were taught by Miss Mary L. Hall of Chester. Good order, promptness, and a desire to learn, seem to be the characteristics of the pupils of this school. Miss Hall is a teacher of such natural vivacity and energy, and succeeds so admirably in inspiring her pupils with something of her own eager desire to excel, that she is destined to rank first among those of her profession.

DISTRICT No. 5.

This school was taught by Miss Josie L. Chase of Londonderry. Although an inexperienced teacher, she possessed all the qualities of a thorough disciplinarian, which enabled her to close her school with a good degree of success.

During the winter term this school was under the charge of Miss Marietta E. Hatch of Manchester. This school commenced favorably, but not being notified, was not present at its close.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The summer and winter terms of this school were taught by Miss Ella F. Hanson of Auburn. Her experience in teaching is very well known to be everywhere successful. From the scarcity of scholars, and the isolated position of this school, it more than satisfied the expectations of your committee, excelling particularly in mental arithmetic.

DISTRICT No. 7.

This school was taught during the summer term by Miss Ida H. Nutter of Barnstead, who has taught several successful terms in this town. Her school was generally good, and in some particulars remarkably proficient.

The winter term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Spofford of Manchester. Although of little experience, she has succeeded in creating in the minds of her pupils a laudable desire to advance in their studies, which is very gratifying.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The summer and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Mary B. Titcomb of Windham. This was her first experience in teaching, but the unremitting exertion of the teacher, met with a corresponding

effort of the pupils, has kept the school in a very desirable condition.

The winter term was taught by Miss Ella F. Hanson. What has been said of her in a former paragraph will also apply here. She has been singularly judicious in forwarding the course of instruction which she has marked out.

REMARKS.

Having made a careful and impartial review of the schools, there remain only one or two considerations to complete this report. It will be noticed that the review, on the whole, is favorable, but not all that is desired. One particular feature in a number of the schools is a *too close application to text books and rules.* The scholar learns the rules of arithmetic or grammar and repeats the words with astonishing fluency, but it is quite possible that he is very ignorant of their signification. What we would like is, to have the scholar understand the principle or method, and then he will see clearly through the rule. But without assistance this will seldom be done. Children cannot or will not sit down and dig out the principles of science; and because of this, unless they have remarkable talents, as Newton and Franklin, they remain in ignorance. Teachers are often fearful of explaining too much. "Let them find out for themselves," they say, and it usually amounts to letting the pupil remain in darkness on the subject. We do not mean to infer

from this that the teacher should work out the troublesome example for the pupil, but that he should so explain the principle, and at the same time guiding the child's reason, shall cause him to see through it clearly. Teaching may be easier and more agreeable to let them find out for themselves, but I fear our children will be none the wiser for such a course. This subject is respectfully urged upon the attention of the next committee.

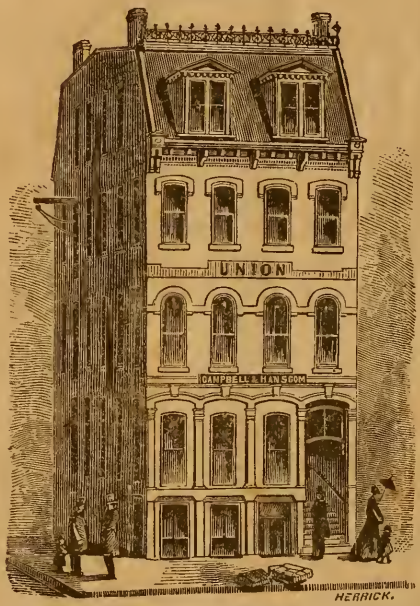
One thing more was noticeable: some of the schools are not provided with suitable maps, blackboards and other means for effective teaching; but which we trust will soon be remedied.

CHARLES W. CALEF,
Superintending School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. of pupils.	Average attendance.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending.	Not absent one-half day.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.
	SUMMER TERMS.								
No. 1.	Arabella L. Johnson	16	15	....	3	23	2	7	$24 00.
No. 2.	Mary C. Chase	27	22.75	3	9	54	5	8	23 00.
No. 3.	Clara M. Fellows	28	23.55	....	5	18	16	9	34 00.
No. 4.	Mary L. Hall	17	13.99	4	4	4	2	11	24 00.
No. 5.	Josie L. Chase	14	11	1	5	42	1	8	22 00.
No. 6.	Ella F. Hanson	6	5	2	1	5	....	9	20 00.
No. 7.	Ida H. Nutter	19	14.83	2	5	12	6	8	24 00.
No. 8.	Mary B. Titcomb	9	8.5	....	4	9	....	10	20 00.
	FALL TERM.								
No. 8.	Mary B. Titcomb	10	7.9	1	1	3	1	8	20 00.
	WINTER TERMS.								
No. 1.	David A. Watson	18	14	....	5	22	6	8.4	30 00.
No. 2.	Elwin H. White	26	23	3	....	....	....	8	23 00.
No. 3.	Clara M. Fellows	38	32	....	6	75	25	12	34 00.
No. 4.	Mary L. Hall	18	11.9	4	....	4	4	9	24 00.
No. 5.	Marietta E. Hatch	19	16	1	6	33	25	8	23 00.
No. 6.	Ella F. Hanson	10	8	....	1	16	....	10	20 00.
No. 7.	Sarah E. Spofford	19	13	4	3	1	9	12	24 00.
No. 8.	Ella F. Hanson	11	9	4	....	20	....	11	28 00.

MANCHESTER
DAILY UNION
AND
UNION DEMOCRAT,
WEEKLY.



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